

## **The Future is NOW:** **For the Uniform Grant Guidance**

### **Description**

On December 26, 2013, the Office of Management and Budget issued final guidance on federal grants: 2 CFR 200. On December 19, 2014, 28 Federal agencies adopt the guidance in their own section of regulations. The Guidance is now effective for awards made on and after on December 26, 2014. The new guidance – a sweeping consolidation of decades of OMB circulars, guidance, and the “common rule” on grants management – replace ALL the current OMB Grant Circulars and will have a profound impact on how grants are awarded, administered and audited. This new guidance puts a new focus on performance over compliance for accountability, and opens exciting new doors for Federal agencies to support innovative solutions proposed by local communities. So put your Old OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122 and A-133 in the shredder and come listen to this session.

This session will include a brief history, a summary of the most impacting changes, the agency implementation of the changes, and a discussion of how the guidance will impact your institution, particularly the changes effecting Single Audits.

### **Moderator**

**Gil Tran** ([bio](#)), OFFM, OMB

### **Panelists**

**Phillip Juengst** ([bio](#)), Education

**Victoria Collin** ([bio](#)), OFFM, OMB

**Laura Watson** ([bio](#)), Associate Deputy Administrator for the Office of Grants Management at DOL

## **Gilbert Tran**

Gilbert Tran is a senior policy analyst with the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Financial Management. His main responsibilities are to develop and analyze policies and standards for OMB circulars on cost principles and audit requirements for federal programs, specifically Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions," Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments," Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations," and A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." Gilbert serves as the point of contact for all Federal agencies on the implementation and interpretation of these OMB Circulars.

Gilbert was part of the Council on Federal Assistance Reform (COFAR) responsible for the review and development of grant requirement policies published as the "Uniform Guidance" on December 26, 2013. The Uniform Guidance combines all the OMB grant circulars and grant requirements in one single document and location in title 2 CFR Part 200.

His past experience in grant management includes:

- Three years with the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Cost Allocation as a senior cost negotiator and manager of the State and Local Government Branch in Washington, D.C.
- Eight years as manager with KPMG Peat Marwick - Grant Management Services in Washington, D.C.
- Four years with Georgetown University as a senior financial officer, Office of Sponsored Programs.

Gilbert received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from George Mason University, Virginia. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountant. He chaired the Multicultural Participation Committee for the U.S. Tennis Association (Mid-Atlantic Section).

## **Phillip Juengst**

Phillip Juengst is Director of Financial Improvement Operations in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Department of Education. In this role, he is responsible for leading the Department's post audit, indirect cost, and internal control functions to improve the operations of Department grantees and offices. This work includes policy development and implementation as well as technical assistance and training, especially in financial monitoring of grants. Mr. Juengst has played a key leadership role in the Department's implementation of the new Uniform Guidance governing the administration of federal grant programs.

Mr. Juengst's career has spanned several federal agencies in a variety of capacities including financial management, budget, management integrity, strategic and annual planning, and performance management. He began his federal career in the Department of Education's Budget Service. From there, Mr. Juengst moved to the Office of Management and Budget followed by the Environmental Protection Agency, where he held several key leadership positions including Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, Analysis and Accountability. Mr. Juengst rejoined the Department of Education and has been Director of Financial Improvement Operations since 2013.

Mr. Juengst is a Truman Scholar with a Master of Public Administration from American University as well as a Bachelor of Arts in both Political Science and Music from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is an avid outdoorsman, Boy Scout leader, and opera singer, and resides in Catonsville, Maryland with his wife and two children.

## Victoria Collins

Victoria is a Senior Policy Analyst at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Community Solutions Team Deputy. At OMB, Victoria is responsible for developing and analyzing policies that govern \$600 billion per year in Federal financial assistance, and for strengthening governance for the financial assistance community. Her most recent project was OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. With the Community Solutions team, Victoria is working to make the Federal government a better partner for local communities.

Victoria has worked for over a decade with Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private companies domestically and abroad to develop partnerships that drive inclusive economic growth. She has a Bachelor's degree in International Economics from Georgetown University, and a Master's degree in Social Change and Development from the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. She served in the Peace Corps in Morocco from 2004-2006. Victoria lives in Washington, DC with her husband Luke, son Robert, and dog Shadowfax.

To learn about OMB's Uniform Guidance, please visit [CFO.gov/COFAR](http://CFO.gov/COFAR).

## Ms. Laura Patton Watson

Ms. Laura Patton Watson is currently the Associate Deputy Administrator for the Office of Grants Management at the Department of Labor. Laura is a graduate of North Carolina State University where she earned degrees in accounting and business management. After working briefly in corporate accounting, Laura was drawn to the public sector where she has held a variety of positions covering the entire life cycle of federal assistance. These positions include the Chief of Indirect Cost Rates, Chief of Audit Resolution & Closeout and Chief of Federal Assistance. Laura has overseen the implementation of a new e-grants system, the historic ARRA legislation and annual funding of \$8 billion in workforce system grants. In 2012, Ms. Watson developed and implemented a reengineering plan for federal assistance within the Employment & Training Administration which has standardized and improved overall operations. Laura is a graduate of the Harvard Senior Executive Fellows program, the Federal Executive Institute and currently serves as the Department of Labor's Senior Staff representative on the



Council of Federal Assistance Reform. Laura is a licensed CPA in the District of Columbia and resides in Arlington with her husband and two children.